

**Medway School Committee
Minutes
February 4, 2010**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the School Committee Room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway. School committee members in attendance included Chairperson Diane Borgatti, Vice-Chairperson Debora Trindade, Carole Bernstein, Jeffrey DeVolder and Shelley Wieler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Evans, Assistant Superintendent David Verdolino and Medway Federation of Teachers Representative Megan Boland. Student Advisory Council Representatives Amanda Presswood and James Davock were also present.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The warrants were being delivered for committee signature.

C. REPORT OF STUDENTS

1. Burke/Memorial School Students: Ms. Becker introduced teachers Julie Cowern and Heidi Cross along with kindergarten and grade three students who gave a demonstration on the Math Buddies program at the Burke/Memorial School.

2. Middle School Students: Science Fair Projects – Middle School Science Teacher Larry Brown introduced the first, second and third place winners of the Middle School Science Fair, held on February 3rd. Students presented a brief summary of their projects.

Amanda Presswood and James Davock reported that the presentations on Taylor's Message and student seminar on college life were interesting.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. DeVolder reported he attended a recent Board of Selectmen meeting at which discussion items included town-wide facilities study and budget policy.

Ms. Trindade reported:

- She attended a recent SPED PAC meeting which held a parents' rights forum.
- She attended a recent CIPC meeting at which discussion items included this year's recommendations for capital outlay, reconstruction of the Burke/Memorial School parking lot; and repairs to school building doors.
- She attended a recent Health Advisory Committee meeting at which discussion included the continued implementation of the new Wellness Policy.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. For Consideration: 2010-2011 High School Program of Studies – Ms. Borgatti noted that Mr. Pearson submitted his proposed changes to 2010-2011 High School Program of Studies.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Wieler, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, that the school committee approve the 2010-2011 High School Program of Studies, as submitted by Mr. Pearson and as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the **January 21, 2010**, as amended. All voted in favor. Voting opposed: none. Ms. Bernstein abstained as she was not present for the January 21st meeting.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Report of the Chairman – Ms. Borgatti noted the Budget Subcommittee would not be meeting again until the Governor's budget was finalized.

2. Report of the Superintendent – Dr. Evans reported:

- Medway High School Students received Silver Key Awards and Honorable Mentions in the 2009 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards.
- Lueders of Needham donated fifty dollars to Medway Public Schools

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY11 Budget: Preliminary Budget Proposal

Dr. Evans gave a brief presentation on the Proposed FY2011 Budget, which included: District Budget Priorities for FY11; School District Challenges; MCAS Comparisons with Area Towns; Per-Pupil Expenditure Comparisons; Requested FY11 Budget Increase; Categories of Expense Increases; Projected FY11 Staffing; Projected FY11 Staffing Changes; Projected Class Sizes and Staffing PreK-4 for 2010-2011; Projected 2010-2011 Staffing and Enrollment for Grades 5-8; Projected enrollment for Grades 9-12; McGovern School Staffing Changes; Burke/Memorial School Staffing Changes; High School Staffing Changes; Special Education Staffing Changes; Timeline and Next Steps. Dr. Evans noted that the presentation would be going up on the district website within a few days.

Dr. Evans referred committee members to the budget binders noting the four sections, as follows:

Section I: Introduction which contained Executive Summary; FY11 Budget Priorities; District Goals 2009-2010; Comparative Achievement/Per-Pupil Spending; Proposed FY12-14 Program Improvement.

Section II: Demographics/Staffing which contained Enrollment Trends; School Profiles and Assessment Results.

Section III: Financial which contained Financial Conditions and Assumptions; Chapter 70 Trends; Per-Pupil Spending; Revenue Sources; Grants.

Section IV: Budget Detail which detailed the FY2011 Proposed Operating Budget (Personnel and Expenses).

Mr. Verdolino gave a brief review of Section IV.

2. Other – None.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS and COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Borgatti noted some of the information and communication items in committee members' packets.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- FY11 Budget: Approval of Proposed Budget for Submission as Warrant Article for Annual Town Meeting

L. NEXT MEETING – The next regular school committee meeting will be Thursday, **February 11, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m., in the School Committee Room (across the corridor from the Superintendent's Office), Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston St., Medway. Future meetings include: Public Hearing on Budget: **March 4, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting: **March 4, 2010**, 7:30 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was a need to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations as they relate to union and/or non-union personnel.

It was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Trindade, that the school committee adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations as they relate to union and/or non-union personnel, with the understanding that the committee will not be returning to public session. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Ms. Borgatti, Ms. Trindade, Ms. Bernstein, Mr. DeVolder and Ms. Wieler. Voting opposed: None.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m., upon approval of the motion, the school committee adjourned to executive session in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston St., Medway.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa
Secretary

Approved: **March 4, 2010**